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ALTON, EAST ST. LOUIS & EDWARDSVILLE



Student Senate debates health care and parking issues in meeting last Friday

By Bethany Behrhorst
News Reporter

Much like the concerns of the general public and the United States Government, the main topic at the Student Senate meeting held at 2:30 p.m. in the Goshen Lounge at the University Center on Friday, Feb. 14, 1 was health care.

Student senators were faced with the question of whether or not to use student funds to organize a university health care system.

Claretha Bryant, director of University Health Services spoke about the pressing need for students, both on and off campus, to be supplied with health care coverage.

Bryant said that presently there are between 22 and 34 percent of SIUE students do not have health care.

"Cost is certainly a factor for students," she said.

Bids on health care coverage have indicated that plans would cost students between \$390 and \$800 through student fees for on- and off- campus students of full-time enrollment.

The price of a standard health care plan for SIUE would be greater than the price paid by other universities.

"The prices that came back were higher than what other universities were paying," Bryant said.

Bryant said the prices were higher for SIUE because we have not had a health care plan in the past like other universities.

Eastern Illinois University at Charleston, Ill., adopted a university health plan in 1983. The school, which is comparative in size to SIUE, charges students \$145.50 for insurance benefits.

According to Bryant, students who already have health-care coverage through personal or family plans might be exempt from having to pay for the new university insurance plan.

If a student's insurance is equal to or greater than what the university offers, then that student does not have to use the university's health care system, Bryant said.

SIUE will be among the last universities in Illinois to get a mandatory health care plan.

Presently, SIUE Health Services

offers physician examinations, counseling, allergy injections, tuberculosis skin tests, STD screening and treatment, immunizations, blood pressure checks, pap smears, birth control information, pregnancy screening, breast examinations, birth control methods, HIV screening and flu shots.

"I didn't even know there was a Health Services Department here," Tracey Conner, senior Computer Science major and president of the Computer Association of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville (CAOS) said.

Health Services is located in the basement of the Rendleman Building in room 0202.

In other business, some changes made to the student organization's constitution caused confusion. The chemistry club was offered a chance to go before the finance board and present their case. The club hopes to receive funding for a trip in April but, due to a change in the new constitution, they did not send two members of the organization to a

finance meeting. Because the two members were not sent, according to the new constitution, the organization is not allowed to receive money from the university.

An issue which raised some controversy at the meeting was the immobilization devices, or boots, placed on illegally parked cars on campus. Student senators discussed the appropriate payment method for parking fines that lead up to the lodging of these devices.

"I don't think it's a good idea. There are other ways to deal with the situation. If I'm a student here, why put a boot on my car? If I haven't paid my parking fees, I can't sign up for next semester anyway," Dane Hardware, a senior in mechanical engineering, said.

"Why are they doing this in the first place? If it's a non-student I can understand," Hardware said.

A new safety survey was also discussed. The last survey completed was done on students living on campus, over the telephone.

Questions raised about GPA and leadership eligibility

By Chris Clayton
News Editor

The Constitution of the Student Government at SIUE states that the president, vice-president and student trustee must maintain at least a cumulative grade point average of 2.3 during their three terms in office.

Information concerning Nance's GPA is unavailable due to privacy restrictions and the matter is being taken care of by Student Senate.

Upon being questioned about whether his GPA was below standard, Nance gave this comment.

"First off, my GPA is confidential. Just like every other students on this campus," Nance said.

Nance claims that this information should never have reached the Senate

floor and that it was a personal agenda that caused this to occur.

There was some question as to whether there would be a change in the Constitution, but Vice-President James Little said it would not be changed.

"The constitution is being reviewed. It never states what happens if this person falls below these standards," Little said. "What it is, is the Constitution Review Committee is reviewing, to make the necessary implementations of discipline if this were to ever happen again."

What is in question by some is whether or not President Nance should remain in office.

"I think what we are doing is leaving it to the discretion of that please see NANCE, page 5



How fit are you?

Bob Fehringer/Alestle

Hundreds of students, faculty and staff members took part in the Valentine Fitness Day Friday in the Student Fitness Center.

A quick look inside:

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Mary Sumner and the need for technology
AND Chris Clayton on integrity.

lifestyle/entertainment

The Alton Giant
ALSO Rebecca Hopkins on the benefits bubble

popping **PLUS** Ty Norris with a CD tribute to Rosa Parks
AND Movie Reviews.

sports

Tennis falls short to SIUC, Women's and Men's basketball split weekend series.

weather

Today: Windy 60/43°
Wednesday: Rain Showers 55/47°
Thursday: Rain 55/43°

TOP STORIES



National

Hubble insulation repair put on work list

SPACE SHUTTLE (AP) — Mission control Sunday added repairing the peeling insulation on the Hubble Space Telescope to the worklist of the astronauts in orbit aboard space shuttle Discovery.

The repair crew will patch the thermal insulation jacketing the telescope with swatches of the material carried aboard the shuttle.

Although the repair is not considered urgent, scientists do not want to wait until the next servicing mission in late 1999. Additional sun damage to the thin, reflective insulation could cause the telescope's electronic components to overheat and warp its mirrors. "We've got a \$2 billion investment here," said Ed Weiler, NASA's chief Hubble scientist. "Why take the chance?"

International

Kohl to run for another term

GERMANY (AP) — German Chancellor Helmut Kohl plans to run for another term next year, despite criticism over record unemployment, spending cuts and tax reforms, a newspaper reported Sunday.

The newspaper Bild am Sonntag said Kohl, modern Germany's longest-serving Chancellor at 14 years, would announce his candidacy for re-election in April.

In Our Area

State and Local

Levi's store preparing to close

RED BUD, Ill. (AP) — After more than a century in business, the end is near for Herman Rathert Clothing.

"I was planning on closing today, but there was no way," Fred Meine said Friday. He is the nephew of store owner Don Rathert, 64, who has been having health problems.

"People keep coming in," Meine explained. Some ask him to stay open until they get their next paycheck. Others want to return with family members or friends. Some have put down deposits.

The store in this town of 3,000, located 25 miles southeast of St. Louis, gained national attention last month after Levi Strauss & Co. told Rathert that it was cutting off his supply because his store didn't fit the corporate image. Rathert said that Levi's made up 90 percent of his business.

Levi's later relented, after news reports sparked an avalanche of complaints.

But Rathert said he was tired, his bones ached and he wanted to quit. He called on his nephew, an accountant from Mendota, Minn., to help him close the business.

But Meine said the store still had about 200 pairs of jeans, plus overalls, underwear, gloves, baseball caps, a few jackets and heavy-duty socks.

Meine plans to sell as much merchandise as possible, then close the store, probably within the next week.

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Technology is needed for SIUE to compete with other institutions across the country

As we look out at today's educational environment, we see a picture that is quite different from ten years ago, and even five years ago. Students are demanding academic programs that provide them with the knowledge they will need for careers in a technological society. Employers are insistent that higher education step up to the challenge of producing graduates with the analytical, communications, and technological skills they will need to learn and re-learn throughout their careers in a highly competitive, global economy.

At a time when state subsidies have flattened and federal grants have declined, higher education finds itself in a highly volatile, competitive environment that requires competitiveness, responsiveness, changeability, and flexibility. Most of all, the new environment requires a customer-driven, market-focused approach which will require us to develop quality academic programs that meet student demands, occupational demands for graduates, as well as the goals of liberal education.

In a nutshell, "business as usual" in higher education will mean "going out of business" or most certainly marginalizing our effectiveness. Just as the medical profession is now going through wrenching changes in response to an increasingly competitive environment, education is high on the list as those who are paying the bills demand to see a real and

measurable return on their educational investment.

To give you a sense of the competitiveness of the environment, I can give several examples. As I work with corporations day in and day out, I find that they are demanding customization, just-in-time programs, technology-based learning, and programs that are designed to re-skill the work force. Some of the more entrepreneurial private colleges and universities are responding to these needs by providing instructional materials on the Internet, Web-based curricula, global electronic discussion groups, computer-based instructional modules, and electronic discussion groups among students and faculty, and students and their peers.

Business is becoming insistent that higher education step up to the demands for graduates that fit its needs. A major St. Louis-based corporation recently announced the development of a "Learning Center" with academic programs designed to prepare managers to perform leadership roles in a global economy in the years ahead. The curriculum will include quality management, communications, strategic management, internationalization, and technology strategy. Motorola, Edward Jones, and other companies have organized similar management education curricula to meet the needs of their corporations.

If business sees the need to "in effect" create their own universities in

order to meet their educational needs, and if students setting out on their careers encounter employers who feel that their four-year investment is of dubious value, it is only logical to assume that all parties will become increasingly unwilling to fund through tuition, grants, gifts and most importantly taxes, the continuation of a higher education system that is perceived as unresponsive at best, or irrelevant at worst.

Increased global competition, technology strategy, escalating competition within higher education, the pressing needs of the business community, the expectations of students, and the flattening of state budgets are all calling for a market-driven approach.

In recent months, many questions and concerns have been raised with respect to the responsibility-centered budgeting approach. Responsibility-centered budgeting is a strategy that provides a context within which the University can step up to the challenge of creating and offering academic programs which address the needs of the market. It can provide incentives for creativity, responsiveness, flexibility, customer-focus, and competitiveness. Responsibility-centered budgeting does not of itself mean a change to a "bunker mentality," with every school of itself, profiting only by taking from other divisions of the university. It can lead in this direction, but only if we, the faculty, approach our university's long-

term future as some kind of zero-sum game.

Responsibility-centered budgeting can help drive us to develop programs that meet students' needs and the needs of industry for technologically-trained graduates with the analytical ability, communications skills, and liberal education that they will need to survive in a complex, highly competitive marketplace.

Dr. Belck and Dr. Sanders are providing leadership and vision which is needed in today's environment. She is keenly aware of the importance of working closely with the business community to meet their needs for trained graduates, and she has worked hard to establish dialogues with many corporate leaders. I sense that he is urging us to work together to create a paradigm in which performance, responsiveness, and responsibility are the keywords for success. He originally proposed the responsibility-centered budgeting strategy as a mechanism for inspiring innovative thinking, entrepreneurship, and leadership among the faculty in stepping up to an important challenge, and at the current time this strategy is under review. It would seem appropriate now to analyze problems, to identify opportunities, and to assess whether this strategy or alternative approach will enable us to address the challenges or competitiveness and responsiveness in the years ahead.

Mary Sumner
Professor

Integrity is needed today more than ever



Commentary by
Chris Clayton
News Editor

Let's take a look at the front page. We have a story on the student senate, a picture of the Fitness Day and a story on Student Senate President Christopher Nance's grades being in question.

The first question I was asked is why are we running the story on Nance's grades. Quite frankly, I'm running it because Nance is a public figure. By accepting the position of student body president he agreed to lose some of his privacy.

This is like me, or any other person, who works at the *Alestle*. We have willingly thrust ourselves

into the public eye by taking on positions that require us to answer to the student body.

I understand that Chris Nance doesn't want to reveal his GPA and I can respect that, but by neither denying nor confirming that this took place, he causes the student body to question his integrity.

To a journalist integrity is everything. If the public doesn't believe what the journalist writes and says, the writer's words mean nothing.

President Nance, just take this bit of advice from someone who has been in a situation where they were feeling scrutiny from the public. Just be honest and the everything will fall in place.

Comments are welcome. E-mail at cclayto@siue.edu

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Ambulance Call

On Jan. 30, at 10:55 a.m., police and ambulance responded to a call at the Peck Building. An employee was walking on the sidewalk and slipped and fell on some ice. It appeared her ankle was broken. The victim was transported to Anderson Hospital by Edwardsville Ambulance Service.

On Feb. 3, police and ambulance responded to five calls on campus. The first call was at the University Center where a female was having an asthma attack. The victim was transported to Anderson Hospital. The second call was to Tower Lake where a female was experiencing severe lower back pain. The woman was transported to Anderson Hospital. The third call concerned a female who had passed out on the floor and was having trouble breathing. She was also transported to Anderson Hospital. The fourth call was to the Peck Building where an employee cut his forearm on a sharp object protruding from a trash bag. The

Edwardsville paramedics dressed his wound and he refused to be transported to the hospital. The fifth call was to the University Center Bowling Alley where a female injured her index finger while bowling. She refused to be transported to the hospital.

Arrest

On Feb. 1, at 3:23 a.m., police arrested James Jenkins, 23, of Belleville on two outstanding warrants, one from the Illinois State Police and one from the St. Clair County Sheriff's Department. Both warrants were failure to appear charges of driving while on a suspended license. Jenkins was turned over to the St. Clair County Sheriff's Department for processing.

On Feb. 4, at 9:02 a.m., police stopped a car at University Park Drive and Research Drive for a traffic violation. Ryan Compton, 17, of Edwardsville was arrested for failure to secure new registration. A passenger in the car, Eric Eitzmann, 17, of Edwardsville was arrested for

possession of drug equipment and for possession of cannabis under 30 grams. Compton posted his drivers license as bond. Eitzmann was issued a notice to appear.

Burglary To A Motor Vehicle

On Feb. 4, at 2:25 p.m., a student reported someone broke into his car and stole a car stereo, 90-100 CDs and a black CD case. The value of the stolen property is \$900. Police are continuing their investigation.

On Feb. 3, at 6:39 a.m., while on routine patrol, police found a car in Lot 4 that had been burglarized. Entry was gained by breaking a rear vent glass. Missing are a car stereo, a compact disk player, an amplifier and several CDs. Police are continuing their investigation.

Theft Under \$300

On Jan. 31, at 12:44 p.m., a student reported she left her Ameritech cellular phone on a bench in the playground area on the 400 side of Tower Lake. When

she went back to get the phone, it was gone. The phone is valued at \$250. There are no suspects or witnesses.

On Feb. 2, at 9:30 p.m., a student reported he had two hubcaps stolen off his car while it was parked in Tower Lake Lot 4D. There are no suspects or witnesses.

Traffic Accident

On Jan. 30, at 11:45 a.m., police responded to a traffic accident in Lot 8. Ann Ellis, 55, of Godfrey was driving westbound in Lot 8 when she hit a car driven by Eric Grimmer, 26, of Belleville. Ellis was issued a state citation for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

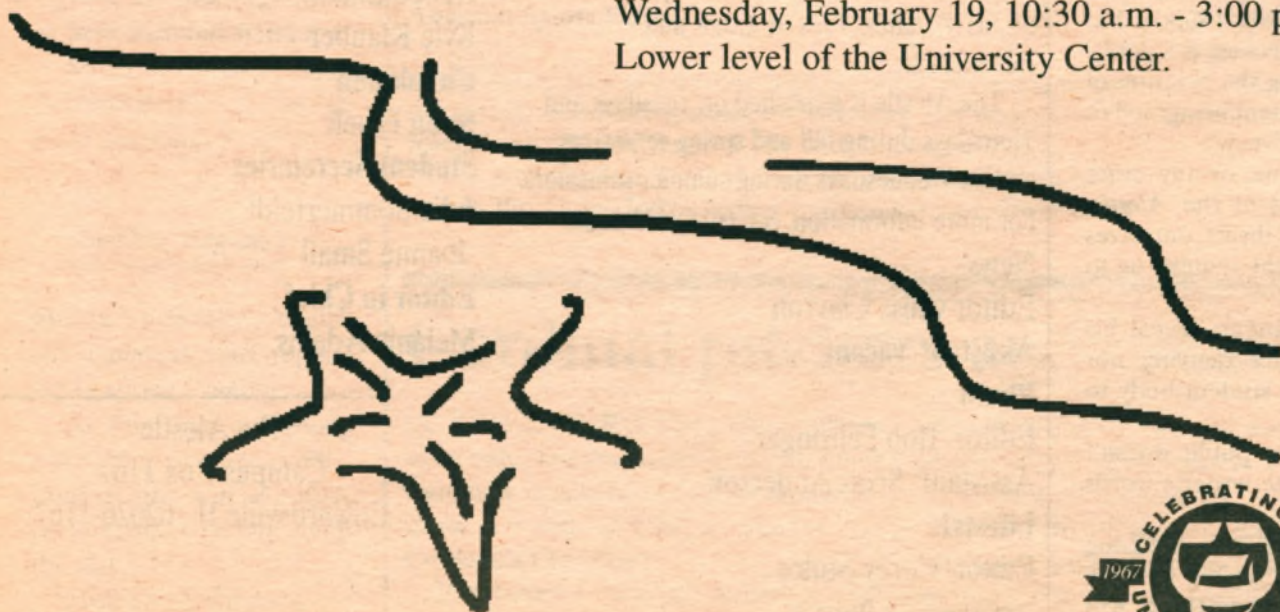
On Jan. 31, at 4:16 p.m., Cortiseenja Wilson, 25, of Caseyville reported someone hit her car in the left rear bumper area while it was parked in the rear lot at the East St. Louis Center. Damage is estimated to be under \$500.

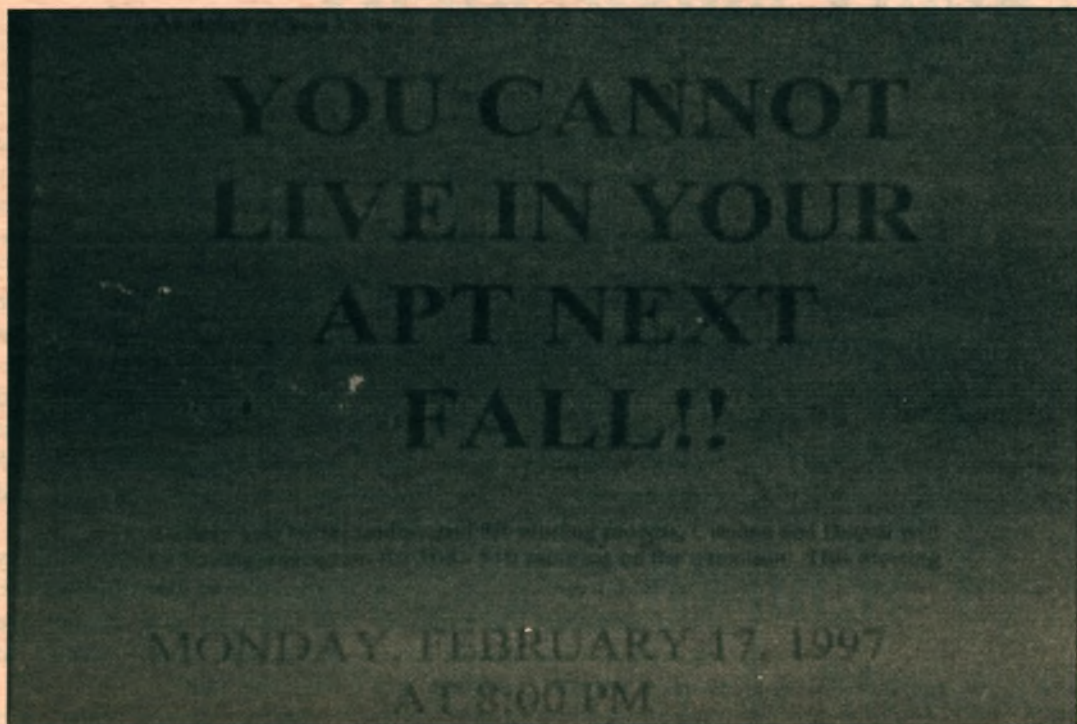
On Feb. 3, at 5:18 p.m., police investigated an accident at New Poag Road and Bohm Road. Heather Shull, 21, of Edwardsville was traveling south through the intersection when she struck a car driven by Karen Harris, 46, of Granite City. Shull had damage to the left front fender. Harris' car had damage to the right front fender.

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Eviction Notice

Scott Anderson/Alestle

This sign was posted on an apartment door in building 510 at Tower Lake. It was to inform residents of a meeting concerning the plan for a freshman village to be placed at TLA in the fall.

St. Louis Wheelchair Athletic Association plays basketball game at Vadalabene Center

By Bethany Behrhorst
News Reporter

The St. Louis Wheelchair Athletic Association and Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville sponsored a game of wheelchair basketball, Sat. Feb. 15, 1997 in the Vadalabene Center at 3 p.m.

The St. Louis Rolling Rams, led by coach Vito Lucido, played against the Heart of Illinois Highwaymen led by coach George Veenstra.

The Highwaymen were victorious over the Rolling Rams with a final score of 67 to 17.

Jeff Lytle, number 35, scored the first basket for the Highwaymen 30 seconds into the game.

Don Behle, number 22, was the top scorer for the Highwaymen with a total of 6 baskets, equalling 13 points. Behle had one three-point play in the first five minutes of the game. he had three fouls in the game.

Lytle replaced Behle at the end of the 1st half of the game. He scored 2 baskets.

Another strong player for the Highwaymen was Rich Diecker, number 10, who scored 5 baskets, one at the free-throw line.

Pat Loahy, number 25, scored 2 baskets and one three-point play for the Highwaymen.

The top scorer for the Rolling Rams was James Davis, number 23, who scored three baskets, the third one at 55 seconds remaining

in the game.

Renee Johnston of the Rolling Rams made one point at the free-throw line and scored the final shot of the game with 30 seconds on the clock.

Wheelchair basketball, which was established in 1946, is the oldest organized wheelchair team sport in the world. The sport is sponsored solely by donations.

SIUE student Dave Copeland was interested about the rules and regulations of the game such as foul plays and traveling.

"I'd like to know more about the rules. It raised my interest a little bit. It makes you appreciate the people who construct the rules of the game," Copeland, a junior in Physical Education said.

Jane Floyd-Hendey, Coordinator of SIUE Disability Support Services thanked the audience of over 40 people for attending the event and asked for support.

"Thank you for coming and let's see if we can get more of these games going next season," Floyd-Hendey said.

"You can give the checks to me," she said.

Refreshments for team members were provided by Imo's and Pantera's Pizza of Edwardsville, Ill.

For more information about the St. Louis Wheelchair Association contact Jane Floyd-Hendey at (618) 692-3782.

Nance

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person; if that person should resign or continue to serve," Little said.

Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Dr. Narbeth Emanuel was unable to deny nor confirm President Nance's grades due to a policy conflict.

"We don't have any written policies on how to handle the release of information with public figures. So, at this time, we will use the current policy which states no one's

information can be released," Dr. Emanuel said.

Director of the Kimmel Leadership Center Steve Speratto's position is to advise individual members of the senate when they have conflicts with qualifications.

"My role as advisor is when any individual doesn't meet the qualifications, I will meet with them and discuss the problem. The decision is then up to that individual," Speratto said.

Speratto could neither confirm nor deny anything with President Nance's GPA due to privacy concerns.

Asteroid collision has happened before and could happen again

WASHINGTON (AP) — Scientists who drilled core samples from the ocean bed said Sunday they have found proof that a huge asteroid smashed into the Earth 65 million years ago and probably killed off the dinosaurs.

"We've got the smoking gun," said Richard D. Norris, leader of an international ocean drilling expedition that probed the Atlantic Ocean floor in search of asteroid evidence. "It is proof positive of the impact."

Norris said the expedition recovered three drill samples that have the unmistakable signature of an asteroid impact about 65 million years ago. The drill cores include a thin brownish section that the scientists called the "fireball layer" because it is thought to contain bits of the asteroid itself.

"These neat layers of sediment bracketing the impact have never been found in the sea before," Norris said in a telephone interview. "It is proof positive of the impact."

The scientists, working on the drill ship Joides Resolution, spent five weeks off the east coast of Florida collecting cores from the ocean floor in about 8,500 feet of water. The team penetrated up to 300 feet beneath the sea bed, drilling past sediments laid down at the time of the dinosaur extinction.

Norris said the deepest layers contain fossil remains of many animals and came from a healthy "happy-go-lucky ocean" just before the impact.

Just above this is a layer with small green glass pebbles, thought to be ocean bottom material instantly melted by the massive energy release of the impact.

Next was a rusty brown layer which Norris said is thought to be from the "vaporized remains of the asteroid itself."

The heat of the impact would have been so intense, said Norris, that the stony asteroid would have instantly been reduced to vapor and thrown high into the sky, some of it perhaps even reaching outer space. It then snowed down, like a fine powder, all over the globe. Norris said brown deposits, like that in the core sample, have been found elsewhere and they have a high content of iridium, a chemical signature of asteroids.

Just above the brown layer, is two inches of gray clay with strong evidence of a nearly dead world.

"It was not a completely dead ocean, but most of the species that are seen before (early in the core sample) are gone," said Norris. "There are just some very minute fossils. These were the survivors in the ocean."

This dead zone lasted about 5,000 years, said the scientist, and then the core samples showed evidence of renewed life.

"It is amazing how quickly the new species appeared," he said.

Although the dinosaur-killing impact occurred in the southern Gulf of Mexico, Norris went to the Atlantic Ocean, near the edge of the continental shelf. He said that the violence of the impact, followed by huge waves, roiled the Gulf of Mexico so much that it is unlikely to find clear core samples there.

He said they theorized that waves from the impact would have washed completely across Florida, depositing debris in the Atlantic. And that's where he found it.

Robert W. Corell, assistant director for Geosciences of the National Science Foundation, said the core samples are the strongest evidence yet that an asteroid impact caused the extinction.

"In my view, this is the most significant discovery in geosciences in 20 years," he said, also in a telephone interview. "This gives us the facts of what happened to life back then. I would certainly call it the smoking gun."

The ship bearing the core samples returned to port on Friday and the NSF announced the findings Sunday, coincidentally just hours before NBC was to air a movie about a fictional asteroid hitting the Earth and causing widespread destruction.

"The impact of the asteroid featured in last night's NBC-TV show is peanuts compared to the real thing faced by the world 65 million years ago," said Corell.

Geologist Walter Alvarez of the University of California, Berkeley, first proposed in 1980 that the dinosaurs disappeared from fossil history suddenly because of a massive asteroid hit. At first, the theory had few supporters.

But in 1989, scientists found evidence of a huge impact crater north of Chicxulub, on Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula. Later studies found evidence of

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Dislike of broccoli linked to genetics

SEATTLE (AP) — Knowing this may not make broccoli taste any better, but if you find the stuff disgusting the reason may be in your genes.

Scientists studying people's food preferences are finding a strong inherited tendency to like or reject all sorts of foods — including many that the health gurus say are good for you.

"We can't just assume that people don't follow healthy diets because they don't have the information. Taste plays a big role in what people eat," said Valerie Duffy, a nutritionist from the University of Connecticut.

Foods like broccoli, brussels sprouts and mustard greens, which are naturally bitter anyway, can seem unpleasantly so to some because of the taste genes people inherited.

Indeed, it seems the whole world can be split up into three categories — non-tasters, tasters and super-tasters — depending on the intensity of the way they perceive bitterness, sweetness and other taste sensations.

Scientists working in this emerging field of research presented their latest findings Sunday at a meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

"Super-tasting children will probably not like brussels sprouts or broccoli, no matter what you do. The reasons are genetic," said Adam Drewnowski of the University

of Michigan.

The researchers categorize people by the way they respond to the taste of a thyroid medicine called 6-n-propylthiouracil, or PROP. About 25 percent of white people cannot taste PROP at all, so they are known as non-tasters. Half are considered tasters because they find it mildly bitter. Another 25 percent, the super-tasters, find it grossly bitter.

Women are more likely than men to be super-tasters, and Asians and blacks are more apt than whites to have this trait.

Many foods that are considered healthful, such as the cabbage family, grapefruit and some kinds of roots and berries, are also bitter. While clearly many people develop a taste for strong flavors — even ones that at first seem unpleasant — the researchers wonder if super-tasters might be more likely to avoid bitter foods with possible cancer-fighting properties.

Drewnowski is beginning a study of women with breast cancer to see if there is a link between the disease and inherited food preferences.

Experts assume that at some point in human evolution, being a super-taster might have improved the chance of survival in parts of the world where there were lots of poisonous plants, since these tend to taste bitter, while being a non-taster could have been an advantage in safer environments.

The field of research is so new that some of the findings seem to conflict with each other. But in general, here is what the studies show:

-Super-tasters are apparently more sensitive to tastes because they have more taste buds on their tongues.

-Super-tasters are more likely to find bitter foods to be nastily bitter and sweet things to be cloyingly sweet. Dairy fat tastes creamier, chili peppers are hotter and carbonated drinks may be unpleasantly bubbly.

-Non-tasters are likely to say saccharin tastes fine, while super-tasters find it has an unpleasant aftertaste.

-Female super-tasters are less likely to be obese and appear to have better cholesterol levels. Furthermore, they seem to enjoy cooking more.

So what about that most famous broccoli hater, former President Bush?

"I'd really like to know if he's a super-taster," said Linda Bartoshuk of Yale University, one of the field's pioneers. "There's a good chance he is."

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debris washed out of the Gulf by waves that went inland as far as what is now Arkansas.

It's now widely believed that an asteroid of six to 12 miles in diameter smashed to Earth at thousands of miles an hour. It instantly gouged a crater 150 to 180 miles wide.

That energy release was more powerful than if all of the nuclear weapons ever made were set off at once, said Norris.

Billions of tons of soil, sulphur and rock vapor were lifted into the atmosphere, blotting out the sun. Temperatures around the globe plunged.

Up to 70 percent of all species, including the dinosaurs, perished. Among the survivors, scientists believe, were small mammals that, over millions of years, evolved into many new species, including humans.

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12:30PM - 2:00PM

Hackberry Room, University Center
Black Literary Guild

SLDP Module - 2:30PM & 7:00PM
Mississippi/Illinois Room, University Center

Student Leadership Development Program

UCB Coffeehouse Showcase
7:30PM

University Center Restaurant
University Center Board & the Wellness Prog.

Griot Leadership Symposium: African Culture

7:00PM - 9:00PM

Redbud Room, University Center
Black Student Association

Pathways to Harmony

4:30PM - 7:00PM

Cahokia Room, University Center
Student Leadership Development Program

Thursday, February 20

A Collection of African Treasures -
10:00AM - 2:00PM

Goshen Lounge, University Center
Black History Month Planning Committee

Hollywood Squares -

A Black History Game Show

11:30AM - 1:30PM

Goshen Lounge, University Center
Black History Month Planning Committee

Griot Leadership Symposium:

African Cultural Artifacts

7:00PM - 9:00PM

Mississippi/Illinois Room, University Center

Black Student Association

Tone Up, Cut Up, Get Ready for Those Bathing Suits

7:00PM

Wellness Center, Vadalabene Center
Wellness Program

UCB TV Series - Must See TV

7:00PM

Residence Hall

University Center Board

Wrestling - SIUE vs. Indiana

7:00PM

Wednesday, February 19

UCB Center Stage - NCHP: Success Through Unity - A Collective Step Show

11:30AM - 1:30PM

Goshen Lounge, University Center
University Center Board

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Hickory Room, University Center
Student Leadership Development Program

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Friday, February 21

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8:30PM
Communications Building Theater
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Prince - 10:00PM - 2:30AM
Sugar Den, University Center
Sigma Theta
Students - \$3.00

Chinese New Year Festival
6:30PM - 9:45PM
Meridian Hall, University Center
Society of Chinese Students
Students - \$4.00
Faculty/Staff - \$6.00
General Public - \$7.00

Saturday, February 22

Washington's Birthday
CB Trip - A Day in Forest Park - 10:00AM
St. Louis, Missouri
University Center Board
University Theater - "Beyond Therapy" - 8:30PM
Communications Building Theater
Students - \$4.50

Monday, February 24

Journey of Life Extravaganza - 10:00AM
Campus Recreation
University Center
Pathways to Harmony
4:30PM - 7:00PM
Cahokia Room,
Student Leadership Development Program
Griot Leadership Symposium:
Historical & Cultural Literary Overview - 7:00PM - 9:00PM
Hackberry Room, University Center
Black Student Association

Tuesday, February 23

Single Watch & Winter Walk - 10:00AM
Core Marquette
Campus Recreation
University Theater "Beyond Therapy" - 2:00PM
Communications Building Theater
Students - \$4.50

0 or 618-692-2626. The 1996-97 tour will be the final for the Lewitzky Dance Company.

Stringers

SIUE Arts & Issues Series presents **Uptown String Quartet** on Wed., Mar. 27, 7:30 p.m. at the Communications Building Theater. \$12 general admission, \$5 for students. 618-692-2320 or 618-692-2626. Performance includes original works plus music of Scott Joplin, Charlie Parker, Duke Ellington and Miles Brown.

Funny Bone

Rhodes, star of hit sitcom "The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air", performs at the **Funny Bone Comedy Club** Feb. 27 - Mar. 2. 940 Westport, Westport Plaza. 314-469-6692.

Brown Bag Theology

Catholic Campus Ministry is sponsoring a **"Brown Bag Theology Series on the Foundations of Morality and the Redemptive Power of Human Life"**. A four-part series will be held in the Cahokia Room of the



The SIUE Arts & Issues series presents Bella Lewitzky Dance Company Wed., Feb. 26, in the Communications Building at 7:30 p.m.

University Center from noon to 1 p.m. Mon. Feb. 24; Mon. Mar. 3; and Mon. Mar. 10. Bring your lunch.

Civil Rights Exhibit

Various contributors offer a special exhibit **"Civil Rights & African Americans: A Reappraisal"**. Free, through Feb. 24 at the **St. Louis**

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Gentle Giant turns 79 on Saturday

by Corey Stulce
Lifestyle Editor

Goliath, Andre, even the Green Giant have nothing on Robert Pershing Wadlow. The big man with the big heart from Alton would have turned 79 this weekend.

These days, not many people outside of the small city of Alton remember Wadlow. He was, and still is, the tallest recorded man in history. At the time of his death in 1940, he was 8'11.1"

The Alton Museum of History & Art, located on College Ave., at the SIUE Dental School, has a memorial to Wadlow as well as a lifesize statue erected in his honor.

On Saturday, the museum will have a celebration for Wadlow for his 79th birthday.

Wadlow did not start out as an anomaly, but rather normal. He was born on February 22, 1918 at 8.7 pounds. Things didn't stay that normal for Wadlow, though. By the time he was starting to walk he weighed 40 pounds. By kindergarten, Wadlow had reached 5'6", and wore clothes that would fit a

17 year old boy.

When he was ten, Wadlow weighed 210 pounds and was 6'5", with a 17 and one half shoe size.

The Wadlow family discovered that Robert's abnormal size was due to an over-active pituitary gland.

Although he was very different, Wadlow



Corey Stulce/Alestle
Carrie Healy poses with the statue of the Alton Giant. Healy is 5'1", while the Giant is 8'11.1"

attempted to lead a normal life, going to school as any teenager would, although he was not the average teen.

"He was congenial, very friendly," said Robert K. Graul, a photographer and friend of the Wadlow family who has contributed to the Alton Telegraph for 61 years. "He earned the title 'gentle giant.'"

Graul was assigned to take pictures of Wadlow at important stages of his life, birthdays, high school graduations, etc.

Graul said Wadlow could not fit into a car normally, so

Wadlow's father removed the passenger seat so that he could fit.

"He knew his height was an attraction, so he made the best of it," said Graul. "He did get tired of being pinched or kicked in the shins by those who thought he was standing on stilts."

In 1936, Wadlow was accepted at Shurtleff College. The following year he and his father toured the country as ambassadors for the International Show Company. After the tour, the company made Wadlow's size 44 and one-half AA shoes free of charge.

A foot infection claimed the life of Wadlow in 1940. Over 30,000 people viewed the body over the course of a day and a half. The line of mourners sometimes reached three or four blocks. It took 16 men to carry the casket, which weighed over 1,000 pounds.

Wadlow may be gone, but the memory and spirit of the 'gentle giant' live on forever in Alton.

Oscar hopes and praise for a better 'Gump'

by Greg Levrault
For the Alestle

"Sling Blade" is one of the hardest movies I've ever had to review, because it's so good. It's an antidote to all those summer movie rollercoasters.

"Sling Blade" doesn't have a single explosion or gunshot, no special effects or naked breasts. And although "Sling Blade" is up for two Academy Awards, it isn't one of those "Movies That Are Good For You," or one of those "Movies On the Edge".

Maybe it's so hard to describe "Sling Blade" because nobody makes movies like this. Maybe it's because "Sling Blade" is the perfect antidote to "Forrest Gump".

Ever wonder what would happen if Forrest Gump had lived in the real world? Never mind the dumb luck and all that idiot Messiah wisdom he spewed. He'd be like the folks on the bus, the ones that make the ride go slower. Not that Forrest Gump wasn't likable. The problem with the film was that while trying to show that Forrest

and elevate him to celebrity. And celebrity is another kind of freak, altogether.

Karl Childers (Billy Bob Thornton) is a ringer for Forrest Gump, at first glance, same hair, same slow-mindedness, same Southern affectations in the voice. However, Karl borrows some tonal qualities from Bob Dole, tends to be quiet, and possesses a brutal past.

When the film starts, Karl is released after spending 25 years in the state "nervous" hospital. Without family, Karl has to adjust to life outside. He ends up making friends with a young boy and his single mom.

The presence of her brutal boyfriend puts Karl in a spot.

The story isn't "gripping" or "relentless"; it moves like a drive through a small town. It's a slow and easy ride, calm in even the most disturbing moments (like what happened to Karl's baby brother). The viewer gets a chance to know the characters intimately, and an excellent cast makes it worthwhile.



Michael Yarish/Courtesy of Miramax Films
Thornton pulled triple duty as writer, director and star of "Sling Blade."

Lucas Black (the kid from the short-lived TV show "American Gothic") gives the best child performance I've ever seen. He plays a perfect reflection of what Karl might have been, with love. His lack of an Oscar nomination is an injustice, despite his age.

Two performers that have captured audience attention are John Ritter and Dwight Yoakum. Mr "Three's Company" gets the best role he's had in a decade, playing a quietly gay store manager. And country music legend-to-be Yoakum is extremely convincing, if over the top, as the abusive, bigoted trailer park boyfriend. The accomplished guitarist even pulls off being a crappy musician.

Thornton's the real genius, and earns his acting nomination. His Karl Childers is a slow-minded man, but his tragedy isn't in that. He keeps trying to be a good man, to know what's good. He constantly says "the doctors say I'm well," but it's not as if he believes it. When he does offer advice and plaudits, it's advice from his own crude common sense, instead of Hallmark catch phrases that he learned from his mama.

"Sling Blade" is one of the best movies of last year and this year put together. If you liked "Forrest Gump," you'll probably like it. If you liked "Of Mice and Men," you'll probably like "Sling Blade," too. Anybody who needs a breather from Hollywood movies, instead of a shock, should check this film. It's even got a good shot at both Oscar nominations. "Sling Blade's" script is the best competition "Trainspotting" has for best script. As for the best actor nod, Thornton mathematically has the best shot of five. Check out "Sling Blade," and judge for yourself.



Michael Yarish/Courtesy of Miramax Films
Billy Bob Thornton and Lucas Black enjoy the simplicity of life. Thornton is nominated for two Academy Awards for "Sling Blade."

Forrest deserved as much love and respect as any human being, they give Forrest an incredibly ludicrous life worth the while.

'Vegas' trip is no 'Holiday Road', but could be worse

by Corey Stulce
Lifestyle Editor

Remember the good old days, when Chevy Chase meant "funny" and it wasn't just a crap shoot. His early antics on "Saturday Night Live," and movies like "Foul Play" and "Fletch" were classics, but lately they've just been crap flicks like "Cops and Robbers" and "Man of the House."

Chase has redeemed himself, sort of. "Vegas Vacation" should be the comeback that Chase has been needing lately, but the results are still up in the air.

The movie has some of the same feel which made the "Vacation" movies comedy classics, but "Vegas" ends up feeling more like the decent "European Vacation" and less like "Christmas Vacation" or the superb original.

The wacky antics are back, as well as original cast members Beverly D'Angelo and Randy Quaid, with a quick cameo from Christie Brinkley as the mystery girl in the Ferrari.

This time around, the Griswolds are heading to the land of sin, because Clark Griswold (Chase) read that Vegas is the new family fun

place. Well, his eternal teenaged kids are again played by different actors. (They never seem to find talented kids for any of the four movies, excluding Anthony Michael Hall) The family all goes their separate ways, each ending up in some sort of trouble. Clark gets addicted to gambling, losing the family savings of \$26,000, Ellen Griswold has a short fling with Wayne Newton, and the kids end up in the seedier side of sin city.

Of course, Randy Quaid is back as Cousin Eddie, but instead of being the usual hilarious white trash hick, he just ends up being dumb window dressing.

The laughs are there, but they are few and far between. Chase is aging quickly, and it shows. He isn't up for his usual slapstick stunts, and his one-liners are not up to par.

The movie moves rather quickly, though, and it helps. It sometimes comes across as a big advertisement for The Mirage hotel, since many shots are set there, and there is a long scene featuring the act of Siegfried and Roy, the set show at The Mirage.

The movie grossed \$13 million in the first weekend, which gives it promising possibilities, but bad word of mouth could kill it fast.



Courtesy of the WWW

Chevy Chase and Randy Quaid make a gamble in the new comedy "Vegas Vacation."

Bubble wrap fever

by Rebecca Hopkins
Copy Editor

What should a poor, lowly student do to relieve the stress of up-coming mid-term exams? The whole world is preaching against alcohol. Drugs are illegal and we all get enough exercise walking to and from the parking lot or the residence hall.

The preferred method at the Alesle is bubble popping. No, not bubble gum. Bubble wrap. You know, that stuff they sell at the post office for cushioning fragile items. There are several different methods of bursting these bubbles, depending on your level of stressing.

There is the "one at a time, gritting your teeth" method that really gets on other people's nerves. There's also the "grab one corner and twist" method that results in many popped bubbles in quick succession, and usually ticks off another popper because you took too many at once. Some sufferers of writer's block have been known to try the "lay a sheet of bubble wrap on the floor and roll a chair over it." Of course, be sure the chair's wheel aren't too small because this can result in the roller being ejected from the seat.

My own personal favorite, "lay the large economy size on the floor and stomp on it," once resulted in pulling a supervisor out of her office screaming at the top of her lungs, "Will you bunch of kids knock off that sh*t!"

The memory of that special moment still gives me goose bumps.

THE BLACK EXPERIENCE:

Unity in DIVERSITY

In the month of February, we celebrate the culture, consciousness, and collective history of African Americans. From Art to Education, Law to Literature, and Politics to Religion, we celebrate the accomplishments of African American leaders; past, present and future who share "The Black Experience."

Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville would like to share the lessons and experiences of African american leaders, past, present and future.

Date	Time	Event	Location
Tuesday, February 18	12:30pm - 2:00pm	Souffires: Poetry of Black Love & Hurt Rohan Preston, Author	Hackberry Room, University Center
Tuesday, February 18	7:00pm - 9:00pm	Griot Leadership Symposium: African Culture	Redbud Room, University Center
Wednesday, February 19	12:00pm - 1:30pm	NPHC: Success through Unity A Collective Step Show	Goshen Lounge, University Center
Thursday, February 20	10:00am - 2:00pm	A Collection of African Treasures Showcase of pieces from one of the largest private collections in the world	Goshen Lounge, University Center
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Monday, February 24	7:00pm - 9:00pm	Griot Leadership Symposium: Historical & Cultural Literary Overview	Hackberry Room, University Center
Tuesday, February 25	11:30am - 1:30pm	Movement of the Omani People Noble Obani Nwibari	Goshen Lounge, University Center
Tuesday, February 25	7:00pm - 9:00pm	Griot Leadership Symposium: African American History	Hackberry Room, University Center
Wednesday, February 26	12:00pm - 1:30pm	Dubtronic: A Reggae Celebration	Goshen Lounge, University Center
Wednesday, February 26	7:00pm - 9:00pm	History of the Black Panthers featuring Mujahid Menepta, a former Member of The Black Panthers	Miss./Ill. Room, University Center
Thursday, February 27	7:00pm - 9:00pm	The Rap Is Live Black Political Movements of the 60s Jamil Al-Amin, formerly known as H. Rap Brown	Miss./Ill. Room, University Center
Friday, February 28	6:30pm - 10:00pm	African Night Afrodizia: Rooted in Unity Admission: \$4/\$6/\$8	Meridian Ballroom, Univ. Center
Other Highlights: Feb 1 - Feb 28		"Other Bloods" an exhibit of work from six Midwest artists (University Museum)	

All events are FREE unless otherwise indicated. This program is funded in part or in whole by Student Activity Fees. Co-sponsors in addition to the Black History Month Planning Committee are listed in parenthesis. For more information, contact the Kimmel Leadership Center at (618) 692-2686.

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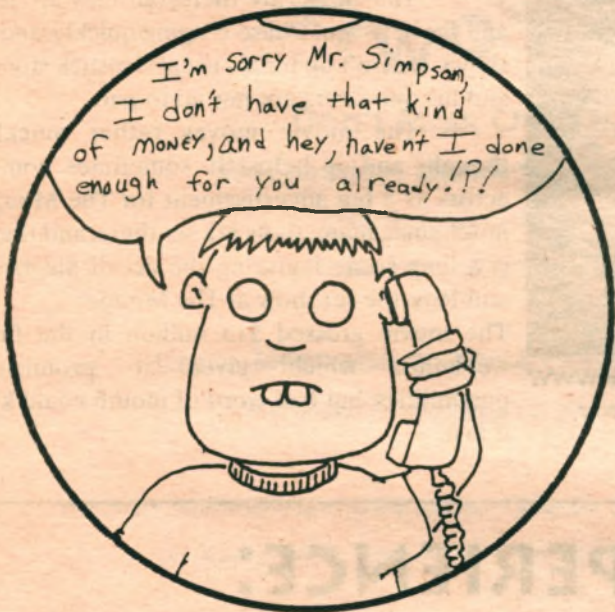
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by Corey Stulee Artist's Blues

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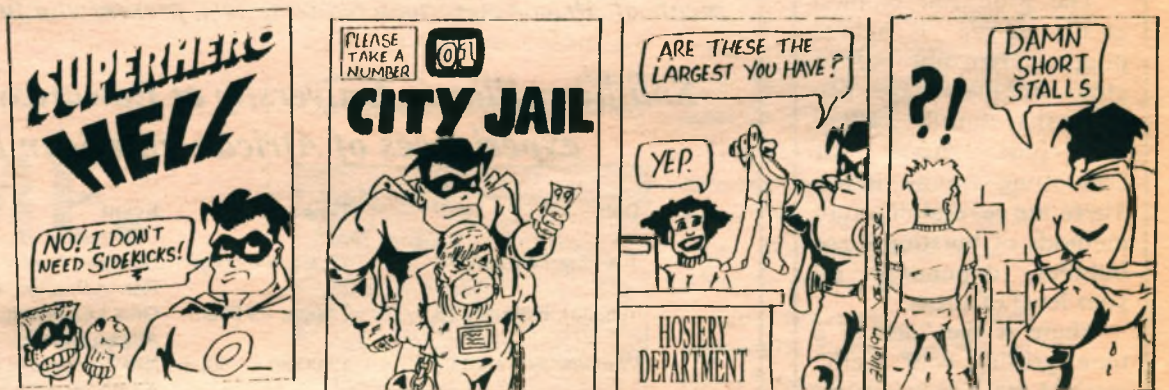
Flip's World

by John Palasz



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by Joe Anders



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Poet's Corner

Untitled

by Shante Schuler

Distinguished young fellow
aid back cool and mellow
A simple shade of brown
would you want me around?
shallow lover weak but undercover
tall shy quiet and bright
I will always walk on a step beside
keeping my head held high
It always seems to ring your chymes
grateful lover weak but undercover
discreet and unknown language
you tame my heart you beautiful savage
save all your love for me you can only cure my
insatiability
sexy lover weak but undercover
original satisfying my lover
weak and always undercover

CD tribute to Rosa Parks is not just a ride on the bus

by Ty Norris
Assistant Lifestyle Editor

Gospel greats such as Shirley Caesar, Tramaine Hawkins and Yolanda Adams lend their voices, along with others, to pay "A Tribute to Mrs. Rosa Parks". The recording is from Verity Records and is a tribute tied to righteous themes of Mrs. Parks's book "Quiet Strength".

Often called "The Mother of the Freedom Movement," Parks defied the laws of Montgomery's segregated seating by not offering her seat to a white man.

On December 1, 1955, Rosa Parks did not care how her counterparts judged her or her people. Her "quiet strength" proved to speak louder than any words

ever could. This simple yet profound act triggered The Montgomery Bus Boycott which lasted for 381 days.

As the opening song of the cd plays, my mind wanders to what really was that "Something Inside So Strong" that made Ms. Parks challenge her oppressors.

Her story has been told many times, but Mrs. Parks was not just physically tired.

"I didn't think I should have to move. First of all, I was not sitting in that white section and it was not fair. The bus driver did not want one white person standing," Parks said.

We live in an era where people are being killed for money and out of pure hatred. We also live in a society where people are judged, mainly by their outward appearances. Whether you are fat, skinny,

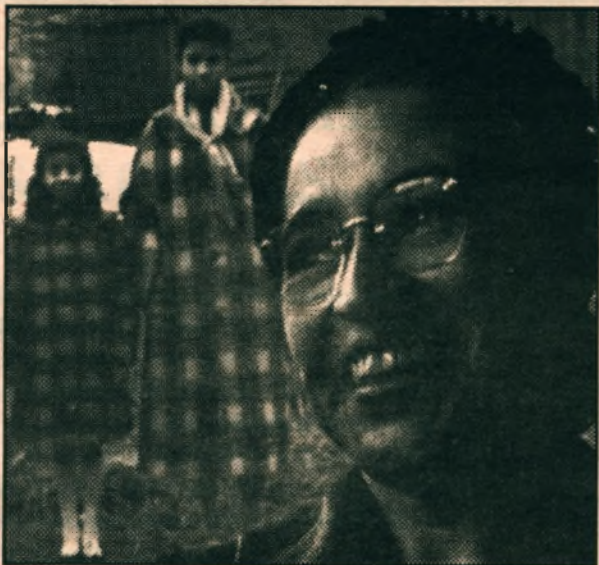
tall or short, black or white, someone judges you.

Rosa became the one "to set the standard of respect."

More importantly Ms. Parks can teach us all a lesson regardless of our color. "I'd like for (listeners) to know that I had a very spiritual background and that I believe in

church and my faith and that has helped to give me the strength and courage to live as I did."

During Black History Month we salute Ms. Parks for daring to be different and stand up for what is right in a compromising society.



“
**Judge not
according to the
appearance.”**

John 7:24 KJV

Box Office Top Ten

"Star Wars" hung onto the number one spot for a third week in a row, beating out Clint Eastwood's latest "Absolute Power" by \$5 million. "Star Wars" took over the number one spot of all time from "E.T." also last week, with a total gross of over \$400 million. Steven Spielberg put an ad in "Variety" congratulating the film. The ad features E.T. putting a crown onto R2-D2's head.

1. Star Wars	\$21.3 million
2. Absolute Power	\$16.8million
3. Dante's Peak	\$14.3 million
4. Vegas Vacation	\$13.1 million
5. Fools Rush In	\$10 million
6. That Darn Cat	\$6.5 million
7. Jerry Maguire	\$5.3 million
8. The English Patient	\$5 million
9. Scream	\$3.6 million
10. Shine	\$3.5 million

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Air Ball

By Todd Spann
Sports Editor

Please stop

There were thousands of St. Louis Rams fans ready to give Lawrence Phillips a second chance.

I questioned the first round pick from the very beginning but was willing to let Phillips prove me wrong.

I actually wanted someone else. By picking Phillips, the Rams let Eddie George, of Houston, go by. George won Rookie of the Year.

George did have a better offensive line but George left his aggressiveness on the field.

Hill

Everybody around here can relate to a coach being fired because of lack of production. Even if it may have been out of his hands.

Head coach of the Orlando Magic Brian Hill, might be coaching his last Magic game.

Players are denying the rumor but that is what usually happens before a coach is fired.

This year has been a trying season for Hill. First and foremost he lost Shaquille O'Neal. Then Penny to an injury. Horace Grant has been off and on. Nick Anderson has been injury prone all season.

Four of last year's starting five are either not there or have suffered an injury.

So to be 24-24 in these circumstances is pretty good coaching

Spring begins

Spring officially begins when players start reporting to spring training.

At this time everybody starts to give their predictions of who will win their division and who will go all the way.

I will be no different.
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Carbondale slips past Cougar tennis

By Todd Spann
Sports Editor

A point here, a point there and the match against SIUC might have gone the other way.

The SIUE tennis team fell to Carbondale Saturday evening 5-4.

"It's tough to lose when you have a good team," head coach Bill Logan said. "Carbondale is good team and in some respect it is still preseason for us, so it was a good warmup."

The Cougars started things off

with doubles.

Darren Snyder and Jason Geminn rolled over SIUC's No. 1 doubles of Mick Smyth and Randy DeGuzman 8-4.

"Darren and Jason played a superb match. They finally gelled together," Logan said. "If you beat Carbondales No. 1 doubles you have proven yourself."

But the Cougars dropped the next two doubles games to give Carbondale a 1-0 lead going into singles play.

Snyder, the Cougars No. 1, smoked by SIUC's Mick Smyth 6-2, 6-3.

"He literally controlled every aspect of

the match," Logan said. "He played a great power game."

Geminn was on the other end of the stick losing a tough three-set match against DeGuzman at No. 2 singles 2-6, 6-4, 6-4.

"Jason played a tough player and if he would've won a point here or there the match could've went the other way," Logan said.

Cougars Mike Reither and Zaid Numani won at three and four respectively but couldn't pull out the final two positions.

Lady Cougars break even this past week

By Brett Licata
Assistant Sports Editor

The SIUE women's basketball team split their two conference games last week with a loss to Southern Indiana on Thursday and a win against St. Joseph's on Saturday.

Southern Indiana showed SIUE why they are the No. 1 team in the Great Lakes Valley Conference with a 91-67 victory over the Cougars. Southern Indiana led only by four at the half, but pulled away from SIUE in the second half.

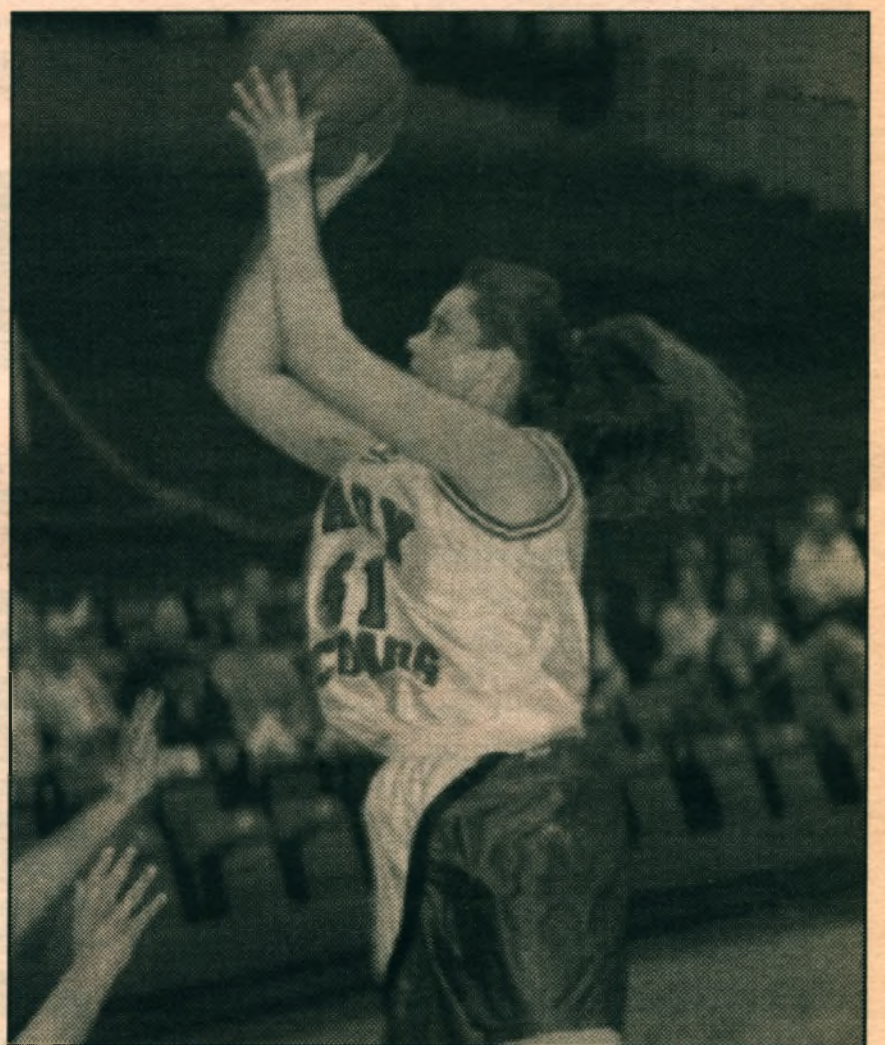
The Cougars had trouble with the pressure of Southern Indiana which held SIUE, who is No. 2 in the nation in three-point field goal percentage, to only one three-pointer.

"I was happy with how we played in the first half," head coach Wendy Hedberg said, "but we folded up in the second half."

SIUE started out slow against St. Joseph's but came back to win 77-69 at the Vadalabene Center on Saturday.

The Cougars came back to shoot 71 percent in the

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Scott Anderson/Alestle

Amy Tuetkan pulls up for a jumper in a SIUE women's basketball game in the Vadalabene Center. She passed the 1,000 point plateau Saturday.

Cougars fall short in Evansville 83-82

By Brett Licata
Assistant Sports Editor

The SIUE men's basketball team has a good showing against third place Southern Indiana on Thursday and dominated St. Joseph's on Saturday night at the Vadalabene Center.

The Cougars lost 83-82 to Southern Indiana, who are 12-3 and in the Great Lakes Valley Conference and 19-3 overall.

Jason Holmes scored 21 points and led a charge that saw SIUE score 46 points in the second half. Marlin Clark was 7 of 7 from the free-throw line and contributed 17 points.

Center Nathan Kreke grabbed 14 rebounds and was a perfect 5 for 5 from the foul line.

On Saturday, the Cougars had five players scoring in double

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Cardinal pitchers and catchers arrive in Florida

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — There were only two absentees as the St. Louis Cardinals officially started workouts for pitchers and catchers Sunday at Cardinal's Complex.

Righthander Manuel Aybar, of the Dominican Republic, was 2-2 with Louisville last season. He's having prob-

lems obtaining his visa and was the only pitcher of the 23 invited to camp who didn't show on the first day.

Catcher Tom Lampkin, acquired as a free agent from San Francisco, received permission to stay at his home in Camas, Wash., for two extra days while his wife gives birth.

Position players report Wednesday, with the first full practice scheduled for Thursday.

During the first practice, it was the pitching staff who turned manager Tony La Russa's head.

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Cougars Plus



Records

17-6 and 12-4

The SIUE women's basketball team fell to Southern Indiana this past week but managed to stay in second place in the GLVC.

10-13 and 4-12

The men's team comes close to Southern Indiana but loses 83-82. SIUE is currently 10th.

Games ahead

Thursday — Away vs. Kentucky Wesleyan, 5:30 p.m. for women's game and 7:30 for men's game.



Kentucky Wesleyan women's

basketball team is currently in ninth place in the GLVC with a 5-11 mark. The men are in fourth place with a 11-5 record.

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"We've got a lot of pitchers with a lot of size" La Russa said. "You can tell they've been working out during the off-season. I don't mean they're bulked up, they just seem to be better conditioned this year."

The Cardinals have all of their pitchers from last season on the staff again this year. Pitcher Rene Arocha, a former Cardinal who missed last season due to an arm injury, is a notable non-roster invitee for spring training.

Unlike last season, when the Cardinals' roster was full of new names, there have been very few changes. The biggest was the off-season acquisition of second baseman Delino DeShields from the Dodgers.

While La Russa likes the familiarity this season, he doesn't want his team to be comfortable.

"We don't want them out there yawning during workouts," he said. "We want them to be on edge a little bit. We want them to put in the effort. They have to know there's competition out there for jobs."

Airball

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The A.L. Pennant will go to the Chicago White Sox.
N.L. East: Atlanta Braves
Central: St. Louis Cardinals
West: Colorado Rockies
The N.L. Pennant goes to

the St. Louis Cardinals.
These picks are subject to change as the season progresses because as we all know the games are played on the field.

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second half after a dismal 52 percent in the opening half.

"We picked up the defense in the second half and that sparked everything for us," Hedberg said.

Kim Lowe scored 15 points and gathered in 7 rebounds. Leslie Phillips shot 7 of 11 to finish with 15 points.

Amy Tuetken of Jerseyville went 4 of 6 from behind the three-point arc and shot 5 of 8 for 14 points which put her past the 1,000-career point mark.

SIUE is 17-6 overall and 12-4 in the conference. They will visit Kentucky Wesleyan on Thursday and Bellarmine on Saturday.

"Both of these teams always give us a game," Hedberg said. "It's especially tough to win at Bellarmine and we're tied for second in the conference with them, so they'll be ready to play."

Cougars

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figures to top St. Joseph's 106-68.

Holmes led all scoring with 25 points and 5 rebounds. Chris Brefeld added 13 points and pulled down 6 boards. Shaun Smoot, Rusty Sarnes and Clark all had 10 points and a total of 9 rebounds.

"As a team, we had fun out there," head coach Jack Margenthaler said. "We had a total team effort. Everyone was playing hard and aggressive."

SIUE shot 58 percent from the field and went 16 of 23 from the foul line.

"We dominated the boards because they were inexperienced and not very big inside," Margenthaler said.

The Cougars will travel to Kentucky Wesleyan on Thursday and to Bellarmine on Saturday. They will try to improve their 10-13 overall record and 4-12 conference mark.

"These are tough games for us," Margenthaler said. "If we keep playing up-tempo basketball and put some points on the board, then we should do well."

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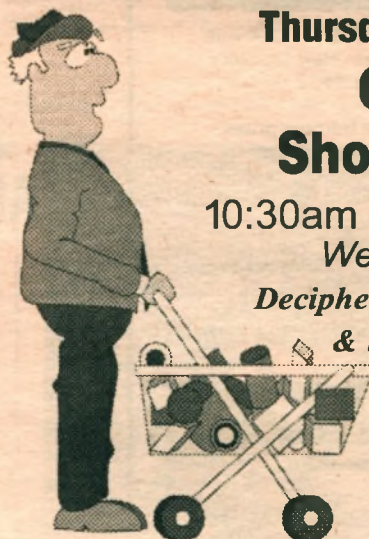
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